for development of the infrastructure for inland fish farming and marketing.

(b) Under the scheme of Development of Freshwater Aquaculture, 18 Fish Farmers' Development Agencies (FFDAs) are sanctioned in Karnataka. Fifty percent of the total subsidy is provided by the Government of India to fish farmers for construction of new ponds, renovation/reclamation of ponds and tanks, inputs in the first year and for running water fish culture under the scheme.

(c) There is no proposal with the Government at present to decentralise the functions of Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF). Further, the States are already implementing schemes for development of minor fishing harbours and landing centres with 50 per cent financial assistance from Government of India and CICEF provides only technical evaluation and assistance.

Damage of Cotton Crops in Punjab

117. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that American Ball Worm disease infected the standing Cotton Crops in Ferozpur district and other Cotton growing areas in Punjab and great damage has been done to the Cotton Crop;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the numerous pesticide sprays has no effect to check the pest infestation to the Cotton Crop;

(c) whether it is also a fact that spurious and sub-standard pesticides were supplied to the farmers and no action was taken by Agriculture Department to check it;

(d) whether it is also a fact that no proper advices/training is given by Agriculture Department for the proper and effective use of pesticides; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that due to this disease the yield of cotton per acre has come down to 2 quintal instead of 12 quintals; what plans Government have taken to compensate the farmers for this loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Low incidence of American bollworm occurred on cotton in Ferozepur and some other cotton growing areas of Punjab and approximately 10—15 per cent damage is expected.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. The insecticides were got inspected and tested before their supply to the growers by the State Department of Agriculture, Punjab.

(d) No, Sir. Cotton growers were given proper advice and training on the use of pesticides through the extension staff of the Department of Agriculture, Punjab and through mass-media.

(e) No, Sir. In view of the low pest incidence and nominal damage to the crop, the question of compensation does not arise.

Civic Amenities in Villages for Fisherment in Orissa

118. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to provide civic amenities, housing and recreational facilities to fishermen villages in the country and to create Model Fishermen villages; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of villages developed so far, being developed in the current year in the country and names of villages and districts in Orissa in which such development is taking place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Government of India is already implementing development of Model Fishermen villages scheme as a Centrally Sponsored scheme since 1986-87. The scheme aims at developing model